

MINUTES

OF THE

SOUTH CAROLINA CONFERENCE,

FOR THE YEAR 1865.

Minutes of the South Carolina Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church South, held at Charlotte N. C. commencing Nov. 1st 1865 and ending Nov. 6th 1865.

Bishop GEORGE F. PIERCE, *President*

F. ASBURY MOOD, *Secretary.*

Question 1. Who are admitted on trial?—Joseph B Traywick, John B Platt.

Question 2. Who remain on trial?—James C. Crisp, John Attaway, John C. Randall, Samuel Lander, Joseph R. Tucker, Micajah C. Davis, Alexander W. Moore, George W. Byrd.

Question 3. Who are admitted into full connection?—Thomas A. Boon, John R. Little, George F. Round, Andrew J. Stafford, Christopher Thomason, J. Emory Watson.

Question 4. Who are readmitted?—James P. DePass.

Question 5. Who are received by transfer from other Conferences?—None

Question 6. Who are the Deacons of one year?—John C. Hartsell, Robt. C. Oliver, Samuel A. Webber, Richard R. Dagnall, Jeremiah J. Snow, James H. Tart, George H. Wells.

Question 7. What Travelling preachers are elected and ordained Deacons? Thomas A. Boone, J. R. Little, George F. Round, Christopher Thomason, J. Emory Watson,

Question 8. What local preachers are elected and ordained Deacons?—Francis B. Andrews, Thomas W. Jordan, Charles Barrino, Thomas W. Matney, J. B. Platt,

Question 9. What Travelling preachers are elected and ordained Elders? Thomas H. Edwards,

Question 10. What local preachers are elected and ordained Elders?—John A. Sherril, William H. England, Jesse T. Norman, Samuel C. White, John J. Prathor, Adam Ivy.

Question 11. Who are elected this year?—Wesley W. Graham, W. J. E. Fripp, E. A. Price,

Question 12. Who are Supernumerary?—Abner Ervin, A. H. Lester, R. B. Alston, C. Murchison, H. C. Parsons, W. Smith, J. S. Nelson, S. B. Jones.

Question 13. Who are Superannuated?—W. Crook, D. Derrick, B. English, A. M. Foster, C. McLeod, W. C. Patterson, H. Spain, N. Talley, J. W. Townsend, Alex. W. Walker.

Question 14. What preachers have died during the year?—Rev. Daniel A. Ogburn was born in Chesterfield, S. C. June 5th, 1833. He joined the M. E. Church, South, Oct. 10 1846, and was converted to God, near Fork Creek Meeting House, in the same district, May, 10th 1847. He was licensed to preach and admitted on trial into the S. C. Conference in 1853, and passed regularly to the orders of Deacon and Elder in the Church. Brother Ogburn was reappointed to the Society Hill Mission, for the past year, but early in the year found it impracticable to preach longer on the work and accepted a chaplaincy in the S. C. State service. In a few weeks his health proved inadequate to the hardships of Army life, and after four or five days of severe illness, during which he was utterly unconscious, he passed as we believe to that state where the smoke and din of battle are never known. Brother Ogburn, was fortunate in securing the regard and affection of the people among whom he labored, was unassuming and quiet in his deportment a good preacher and a good man.

Rev. Samuel Townsend, was born in Marlboro Dist. S. C. Oct. 29th 1814 and died in Philadelphia Penn. of inflammation of the bowels, July 31st. 1865, after an illness of forty eight hours. Brother Townsend, joined the church, in 1832 and it is believed was converted to God, about the same time at a Camp Meeting in Marion District. We have frequently heard our departed brother, relate in lovefeast, the incidents of this great event in his life, with so much clearness and feeling, as to leave no doubt as to its scriptural character. He entered the Conference as a travelling preacher in 1836. He served many of the most important charges of the Conference during the thirty years of his ministry in all which his labors were blessed more or less, in gracious revivals. For three years he was missionary to the people of color on Congaree River, and during three years he served the Conference as Tract agent. In his regular itinerant work, Sam. Townsend, acquired a ruling desire for the circulation of books. This he carried out more largely as tract agent, and it was during the latter term of service that he laid the foundation of what afterwards became an extensive book store in Columbia, and by which he conscientiously believed he was accomplishing much good. How much will he be missed among us in this as in other relations!

Our beloved brother, was a thorough Methodist in his faith, both as to doctrines and usages as well as in Christian experience and yet his views were liberal and large as to Church progress and extension. He was an earnest sound and practical preacher and preeminently a practical man. He wrought results. The charges served by him evidenced to his successor, to, all, that a wise, zealous, practical, acceptable, and successful preacher had been there, so that it was often remarked of him, that he always left his charge improved. And though he was not in the regular work for several years past, it is

believed he acted from firm conviction of duty. He was the fast friend of the members, of the Conference, aiding them in every possible way, and entertaining them with a warm and large-hearted hospitality. It will never be known how much he has done in this way.

His greatly bereaved wife testifies that he bore the death of his noble son in the war, and the subsequent loss of the largest portion of his earthly goods, with christian cheerfulness, frequently saying, "It is all for the best." Bro. Townsend was on his way home from the North where he had been on business, when he was arrested by disease, which baffled the skill of physicians. He was soothed in the absence of his family and brethren at home, by several ministers and friends in Philadelphia. An attached friend of another faith, a Jewish Rabbi, was with him in his last hours, and writes that though very feeble, he said "I confide in my Saviour and put my trust entirely in Him," and in his last lucid moments he exclaimed "O my Saviour! O Jesus my Saviour!"

"He rests from his labours."

Question 15. Are all the Preachers blameless in their life and official administration?—This was carefully attended to by calling over their names severally before the Conference.

Question 16. What is the number of Preachers and Members in the several Circuits and Stations and Missions of the Conference?

RECAPITULATION.

DISTRICTS.	Local Preachers.	White Members.	White Probationers.	Colored Members.	Colored Probationers.
Charleston District,-----	13	1801	120	6	
Orangeburg "-----	25	3366	86	2299	184
Marion "-----	36	4227	622	2576	440
Columbia "-----	24	3638	300	6302	401
Cokesbury "-----	28	5087	666	4841	472
Wadesboro "-----	27	5812	684	3389	353
Shelby "-----	29	7352	1172	1828	469
Spartanburg "-----	20	4795	718	2318	356
Total this year,-----	202	35928	4368	23559	2675
" last "-----	207	35684	5588	40007	7100
Increase,-----		244			
Decrease,-----	5		1220	16448	4425

Question 19. What has been contributed for the Missionary Sunday School and Tract Societies?—For Missions, \$302.80.

Question 20. Where and when shall the next Session of the Conference be held?—Marion, S. C., the time to be fixed by the Bishops.

Question 21. Where are the Preachers stationed this year?

CHARLESTON District, F A Mood, P. E. Charleston, Trinity, E J Meynardie.
Cumberland, to be supplied. Spring street, W A Hemmingway.
Bethel, J. T. Wightman.

Cooper River, G W Byrd. Summerville, J L Stoudemire.

Walterboro, M L Banks. Black Swamp, A Nettles. Hardeeville, J W Coward.

BLACKVILLE District, Thomas Raysor, P. E. Blackville, J R Coburn.
 Bamberg, C Wilson. St. Bartholomew's, Alex B Stevens, J J Snow.
 Allendale, J W McRoy. Barnwell, Aug W Walker.
 Prince Williams, to be supplied. Silvertown, to be supplied.
 Aiken, A J Stokes. Graniteville, J R Pickett.
 ORANGEBURG District, A M Chritzberg, P. E. Orangeburg, John L Sifley.
 Upper Orange, L M Little. Eastern Orange, John D W Crook.
 Providence, J S Connor. St. Matthew's, W Hutto. Fort Motte, to be supplied.
 St. Georges, J A Mood. Edisto, W G Conner, R B Tarrant.
 Lexington, W. Carson, J K Tucker. Edisto Fork, to be supplied.
 MARION District, John A Porter, P. E. Marion, R J Boyd, J H Tart.
 Marion Ct., S Jones, T W Munnerlyn. Black Swamp, D W Seale.
 Brownsville, M A McKibben. Liberty Chapel, J B Campbell.
 Darlington, W A Gamewell. Kingstree Ct & M., O Eaddy, one to be supplied.
 Darlington Ct., L M Hamner, J W Miller. Lynchburg, Jos Parker.
 Black River, J C Stoll. Conwayboro, D J McMillan.
 Georgetown and Sampit Miss., J W Murray, A Ervin, Supernumery.
 Waccamaw Miss., C Betts. Conwayboro Ct., G H Wells, J B Platt.
 COLUMBIA District, C H Pritchard P. E.
 Columbia, Washington-St., W Capers. Marion-St., E G Gage.
 Camden, T J Clyde. Wateree Miss., J L Shuford. Chester, S Leard.
 Sandy River, E A Lemmond. Winnsboro, A G Stacy. Fairfield, A J Cauthen.
 Columbia Ct., H J Morgan. Richland Fork, M Brown.
 Rocky Mount, R P Franks. Sumter, D J Simmons.
 Sumter Ct., C Taylor, S J Hill. Bishopville, P F Kistler.
 Manning, W W Mood. Santee, H A C Walker, J W Wightman.
 Upper Santee, to be supplied. Chaplain Lunatic Assylum, W Martin.
 COKESBURRY District, S H Browne, P. E.
 Cokesburry, W P Mouzon, S B Jones, Supernumerary.
 Abbeville, T G Herbert, Christopher Thomason, J E Penny.
 Ninety Six, Alex L Smith. Upper Saluda River Miss., W H Lawton.
 Mapleton, T S Daniel, J Attaway. Edgefield, W A Clarke.
 Butler, P L Herman. Newberry, J W Humbert.
 Newberry Ct., J H Zimmerman, J B Traywick.
 Laurens, W A McSwain, J R Little, Alex W Moore. Reedy River, F Auld.
 Pickens, J H C McKinney. Anderson, Geo F Round.
 Anderson Ct., W A Hodges. Pendleton, Thos H Edwards.
 Mt. Zion, J M Carlisle. Cokesburry School, to be supplied.
 WADESBORO District, F M Kennedy.
 Wadesboro, E W Thompson, J C Hartsell, H C Parsons, Supernumerary.
 Ansonville, T A Boone. Lane's Creek, L Wood. Albermarle, J W Puett.
 Monroe, A J Stafford. Concord, J T Kilgo, W S Haltom.
 Monroe Ct, L Scarboro. Pleasant Grove, W W Jones. Lancaster, J W Crider.
 Cheraw, M C Davis, R R Pegues.

Hanging Rock, F M Morgan, G W M Creighton. Chesterfield, E J Pennington.
 Bennettsville, T R Walsh, A McCorquodale, W L Pegues.
 SHELBY District, J W North, P. E. Shelby, A P Avant.
 South Mountain Miss., to be supplied. Lincolnton, S Lander.
 Lincolnton Ct., J Finger. Dallas, J C Randall. Yorkville, L A Johnson.
 York Ct. and Miss., M A Connelly. Rock Hill, J M Cline.
 Pineville, Jas Stacy, A N Wells. Charlotte, W C Power, C E Land.
 Charlotte Ct., B G Jones, J W Abernathy.
 Newton, I P Hughes, J S Nelson, Supernumerary.
 Happy Home, R R Dagnall. South Fork, John Watts.
 Lenoir, G W Ivey. Morganton, P G Bowman.
 Yadkin Miss., J C Crisp, one to be supplied. Burke Miss., to be supplied.
 Davenport Female College, S A Webber, *Professor*.
 SPARTANBURG District, W H Fleming, P. E. Spartanburg, W. Smith.
 Spartanburg, Ct., J B Massebeau. Rich Hill, V A Sharp.
 Cane Creek, J W Kelly. Unionville, O A Darby, C Murchison, Super'ary.
 Belmont, J S Ervin. Fair Forrest, N K Melton. Goshen Hill, H M Mood.
 Pacolet, J E Watson. Greenville, W S Black, R B Alston, Supernumerary.
 Greenville Ct., R C Oliver, A H Lester, Supernumerary.
 Reidville, W Bowman. Columbus, John A Wood.
 Pickensville, J J Workman. Keowee, D D Byars.
 Rutherford, D May, J P DePass. McDowell, J D Carpenter.
 Wofford College, A M Shipp, *President*. W Smith, *Profecsor*.
 George Bright, transferred to Georgia Conference.

RESOLUTIONS—PEOPLE OF COLOR.

BY REPORT OF SPECIAL COMMITTEE.

Resolved, 1. That the South Carolina Conference feels a deep and abiding solicitude in the moral and religious welfare of the colored people within our bounds, who have so long been the objects of our regard and paternal care, and that we will continue to put forth our best efforts in their service and for their good.

Resolved, 2. That the Quarterly Conferences within our bounds, are advised to grant licenses to preach and exhort to suitable persons of color, so far as may be done consistent with the laws of the State.

Resolved, 3. That the subject of providing for the supply of the religious wants of the Colored people be referred to the Presiding Bishop and Presiding Elders.

CLASS MEETINGS.

PRESENTED BY E. J. MEYNARDIE.

Resolved, That as members of the South Carolina Conference, we will endeavor to sustain Class Meeting by every laudable effort, and convince those who may be committed to our pastoral care, to adopt proper views of the institution and to discharge their duty in reference to it.

WORLDLY AMUSEMENTS.

PRESENTED BY E. J. MEYNARDIE.

Resolved, That under a grave apprehension of the danger of popular amusements, such as Theatres, Circuses, Balls, and the like, we pledge ourselves to labor to save the Church from the seductions which they present to its members, especially the younger.

W. P. Mouzon was appointed to preach the Annual Sermon before the Conference.